

GARDENERS' GAB



Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.

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Meetings: Monthly, 2nd Friday at 10 a.m.
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The President Ponders...

Members,

The SCMGA Board agrees that we should not meet in June. Even though gardening keeps us young, most of us are in the high-risk category. I prefer to think of us as perfectly ripe.

Extension agents were back at their offices on May 11th, on a rotational schedule, to receive calls, drop-offs and in SOME offices assist face-to-face clients. They are not allowed to schedule public, face-to-face programs through June 30th.

You can still observe social distancing and accrue volunteer hours by working in the SCMGA beds in Montevallo's Seed-to-Table Community Garden. We have planted seven beds with produce to go to Shelby Emergency Assistance. There's always weeding and watering to do or just drive down for a mental health break. Check out the Montevallo Victory Gardens and the Shelby Emergency Assistance Facebook Pages.

Be sure to join the Shelby County Alabama Master Gardener Active Members Facebook page to keep up with what is going on and especially for online education opportunities for CEU's. Sandy Hixon, Lisa Wade and Myra Healy are the administrators so send posts of your gardening activities to them.

Keep Well,

Kate

ALABAMA EXTENSION CONTINUES TO SERVE DURING CORONAVIRUS

<https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/home-family/alabama-extension-continues-to-serve-during-coronavirus/>

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**SHELBY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS' ASSOC.
MEETING MINUTES—8 MAY 2020**

No meeting took place due to COVID-19 social distancing. Therefore, no minutes were recorded.

TREASURER'S REPORT as of May 19, 2020

Submitted by Barbara Williams, Treasurer

Checks/Deposits

Beginning Balance

Deposits (dues)

Ending Balance

Balance

\$5,236.23

56.00

\$5,292.23

Help Spread
The Sunshine!



Cards sent by Martha Grantham on behalf of SCMGA during May:

Birthdays:

James Busbin, Jr.

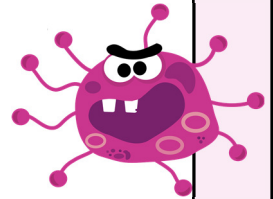
Ralph Cochran

Welton Edwards

Paula Mangum

I received this response to a question about some of our members making face masks for the community responders. I thought it should be shared to everyone. I know Gretchen Boling, Beth Glasgow, Cathie Long, Jennie Lucas, Paula Magnum and myself have been making masks for hospitals and first responders but there may be others who are doing this as well.

~Barbara Williams



Hello Barbara,

That is very nice of you to think about our communities. Usually we would not count making face masks, but because of these trying times we will count making masks as a volunteer activity for Master Gardeners. Please keep me posted on how many volunteers, how many masks you all make, and who received the masks, maybe we can write a story about the activity.

Thank you, Nelson D. Wynn, REA 205-438-3725

UPDATE: Thank you for your help! Paula Mangum is taking down your stories to share with Nelson for ACES. Please send the details of what you are doing to her at mangumpc@hotmail.com.

We have a private Facebook group called

"Shelby County Alabama Master Gardener Active Members"



This closed group was formed to help communicate with our members. Please check it out and ask to join if you are on Facebook.

facebook



THERE ARE NUMEROUS GARDEN-RELATED CLASSES & EVENTS IN OUR AREA. Please visit these websites to check out classes and events you may be interested in attending:



ALDRIDGE GARDENS
BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS
HOOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY
PETALS FROM THE PAST
SHELBY CO. MASTER GARDENERS

<https://aldridgegardens.com/education/events/eventsataldridge.html>
<https://bbgardens.org/#events>
<http://events.hooverlibrary.org/events>
<https://petalsfromthepast.com/events-2/>
<https://mg.aces.edu/shelby/events>



SUBJECT: ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING NOTES ZOOM CONNECTION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is the Advisory Council Zoom Meeting held 5/5. Share recording with viewers:

https://auburn.zoom.us/rec/share/6tArdbHzzGdJHo2K4W3iXrwHAq_CX6a80CUc8vcLxEgseA1AsWIEiYqHE4sAvBxS

Hello local MGA presidents and Advisory Council Rep's,

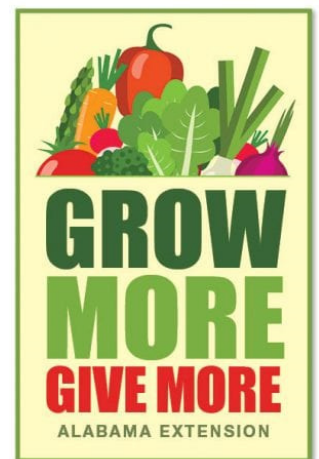
As mentioned in the AC meeting today, we need your help getting this program off the ground. Attached is an invitation from Bethany O'Rear, Regional Agent, to join our effort.

- Use the logo anywhere you would like. If you need a vertical layout, we have that too.
- Use this program name in your own veggie garden programs
- The grand launch is this Friday, 5/8/2020, but we will continue to add content all year
- All content will be listed here for quick find, already populating materials today – <https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/products-programs-lawn-garden/grow-more-give-more/>
- Share, share, share! Anytime you see "Grow More, Give More," please share it. Create your own social media posts and tag us or help us with local print publicity.
- Last request – We want/need pictures of gardeners sharing their harvest. Please email me or Bethany if your garden project, or an individual MG, is donating produce. We would like to have photos of MG's donating!

We hope it is obvious – we are extremely excited about this new program. It started with an MG/Agent spark of an idea just 7 short weeks ago. Please contact us with any questions or comments – Bethany and Kerry.



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QUICK QUICHE LORRAINE

from the kitchen of Heidee Vansant, Master Gardener

- 1 can reduced fat Crescent Rolls
- 2 eggs beaten
- 1 cup fat free evaporated milk
- 1/2 tsp. of salt (I only use 1/4 tsp.)
- 1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
- 1 3.5 oz. can French's fried onions
- 9 pieces of crisp, crumbled bacon



Preheat oven to 325° F. Unroll and separate dough into 8 triangles. Place in a 9-inch glass pie pan, pressing pieces together to form crust. Mix beaten eggs, salt, evaporated milk & Worcestershire sauce together and then stir in the shredded Swiss cheese. Sprinkle 1/2 can of French's fried onions over unbaked crescent roll crust. Pour in egg mixture and then sprinkle with crumbled bacon & the remaining French's fried onions. Bake for 30 minutes. Enjoy!



SCMG's please remember, we need recipe contributions from all of YOU. Please send recipes to: scmga.email@gmail.com

Disappointing, but not completely unexpected news from Nelson Wynn: We will **not have a Master Gardener course this year.**



Please send Martha Grantham, Sunshine Committee Chair, information about members (or their relatives) who are ill, facing surgery or have lost a loved one. We want to make sure all our members know they are loved and are a vital part of our organization. Martha will send a card to let the member know we are thinking about them.

Here are two ways for you to get in touch with Martha:

Email: Doggymamacj@gmail.com
Phone: 205-663-8977



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

5—Ernette Dawson
16—Karen Jensen

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ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR JUNE

FRUITS AND NUTS—Layer grapes and continue spray programs. If they are too thick, thin apples and peaches.

SHRUBS—Lace bugs may be a problem on azaleas, pyracanthas, dogwoods, cherry laurels, and other shrubs. Water them as needed. Fertilize now. Keep long shoots from developing by pinching out tips. June is a good time to take cuttings from semi-mature wood for rooting.

LAWNS—Follow a schedule of fertilization and watering. Lawns should be mowed weekly. Planting may continue if soil is moist. Continue weed spraying if necessary.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS—Keep old flower heads removed to promote continued flowering. Plant garden mums if they are not already in. For compact mums, keep tips pinched out. Watch for insects and diseases.

BULBS—Remove foliage from spring bulbs if it is yellow and becoming dry. Watch for aphids and thrips on summer bulbs.

MISCELLANEOUS—If scale insects continue on shrubs, use materials other than oils. Set houseplants on porch or outdoors in shade and pay close attention to the need for water. If desired, air layer houseplants.

VEGETABLE SEED—Plant beans, field peas, pumpkins, squash, corn, cantaloupes, and watermelons.

VEGETABLE PLANTS—Plant tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, and sweet potato vine cuttings.

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